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APPLICANTS: LIKOUREZOS et al. GROUP ART UNIT: 3628  
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EXAMINER: Clement B. Graham Atty. Docket No. 1002 CIP III  
FOR: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR EFFECTING A REAL-TIME  
PAYMENT FOR AN ITEM WON ON AN ELECTRONIC AUCTION**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Please consider the following amendments and remarks prior to the continued examination of the above-identified patent application:

Amendments to the abstract are reflected on page 2 of this paper.

The Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 16 of this paper.

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